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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for executing an application on a plurality of servers, said method comprising:

transferring to each of said plurality of servers a package, said package comprising said application and server configuration data, said server configuration data comprising data to configure each of said ~~server~~ servers for running said application;

configuring each of said ~~server~~ servers with said servers configuration data; and

executing said ~~server~~ servers and said application, wherein the server configuration data transferred to the plurality of servers is the same for each server.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said server configuration data comprises one or more server configuration files; and wherein the configuring step further comprises steps of:

selecting one of said one or more server configuration files; said selected one adapted to configure said ~~server~~ servers; and

configuring said ~~server~~ servers with said selected one of said one or more server configuration files.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of providing some of said one or more server configuration files with versions of one server configuration file.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising a step of providing each of

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said versions of said one server configuration file with data associating said each of said versions with a version of said application.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising a step of providing said application with data associating said application with at least one of said versions of said one or more server configuration files.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of providing at least one of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and further comprising a step of providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of providing at least one of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server for execution on a first computer system platform and further comprising a step of providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second server configuration file adapted to configure said first server for execution on a second computer system platform.

8. (Previously presented) A method of preparing an application said method comprising steps of:

packaging files composing said application with server configuration data, and

providing said server configuration data with one or more server configuration files, each of said one or more server configuration files adapted to configure a plurality of servers to execute said application where the configuration data is the same for each of the plurality of servers.

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9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 wherein said configuring step further ~~comprising~~ comprises steps of providing: selecting one of said one or more server configuration files; said selected one adapted to configure said server; and configuring said server servers with said selected one of said one or more server configuration files.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising a step of providing some of said one or more server configuration files with versions of one server configuration file.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10 further comprising a step of providing each of said versions of said one server configuration file with data associating said each of said versions with a version of said application.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10 further comprising a step of providing said

application with data associating said application with at least one of said versions of said one or

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising a step of providing at least one of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and further comprising a step of providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising a step of providing at least one of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server for execution on a first computer system platform and further comprising

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a step of providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second server configuration file adapted to configure said first server for execution on a second computer system platform.

15. (Currently amended) [[A]] An article of manufacture comprising a versioning tool for preparing an application, said tool comprising:

program code for packaging files composing said application with server configuration data, wherein said server configuration data is provided with one or more server configuration files, each of said one or more server configuration files adapted to configure a plurality of servers to execute said application, wherein the package transferred to the plurality of servers is the same for each of the plurality of servers.

16. (Previously presented) A method of versioning server configuration files, said method comprising steps of:

within a package comprising an application associating a version of a server configuration file with said application, said version of a server configuration file adapted to

configure a plurality of servers to process said application, and

transferring the same server configuration data to each of the plurality of servers.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising a step of providing said associating with embedding association data within said version of said server configuration file linking said version of said server configuration file with said application.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising a step of providing said associating with embedding association data with said application linking said application with at

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least one of said plurality of versions of said server configuration file.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17 further comprising a step of providing said package further with said version of said server configuration file.

20. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium storing data and instructions, said data and instructions adapting a computer system to:

transfer to said plurality of servers a package, said package comprising said application and server configuration data, said server configuration data comprising data to configure said servers for said application;

configure said servers with said server configuration data; and execute said servers and said application wherein the server configuration data is the same for each of the plurality of servers.

21. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 20 wherein said server configuration data comprises one or more server configuration files; and wherein said adaptation to configure comprises adapting said computer system to:

select one of said one or more server configuration files; said selected one adapted to configure ~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of servers; and

configure said plurality of servers with said selected one of said one or more server configuration files.

22. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 21 wherein some of said one or more server configuration files comprise versions of one server configuration file.

23. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 22 wherein each of said versions of said

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one server configuration file comprises data associating said each of said versions with a version of said application.

24. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 22 wherein said application comprises data associating said application with at least one of said versions of said one or more server configuration files.

25. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 21 wherein at least one of said one or more server configuration files comprises a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and wherein another of said one or more server configuration files comprises a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.